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REQUEST FOR RESTART

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August 22, 2007

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner restarts the Office Action dated June 15,
2007.

On page two of the Office Action dated June 15, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1-38
under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Weatherly et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,049,784).

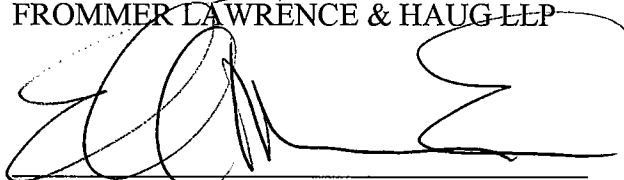
However, in the remaining nine pages of the Office Action, the Examiner never refers to *Weatherly et al.* Rather, the Examiner cites a reference to *Lange*. *Lange* is not provided a publication number or a patent number. Applicants cannot respond to the Office Action due to an inconsistency in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner restarts the Office Action and provides the proper reference information for *Lange*. A telephone call to the Examiner on August 17, 2007, did not result in the Examiner issuing a new Office Action. Rather, the Examiner requested that a Request for Restart be filed.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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Respectfully submitted,
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